

DEALS PENDING IN BIG LEAGUES

Groh, Hornsby and Kopf All Likely to Change Clubs Soon.

COBB TO MAKE CHANGES

New York, Dec. 21.—Several big player deals set in motion during the recent baseball meetings here, promise to live up to the "hot stove season" according to indications today.

Shortly after the holidays, it is believed, the owners of a half dozen or more clubs will settle down in earnest to make swaps or purchase players, and rumor has it that fandom is in for some surprises.

From St. Louis comes word that the Cardinals have put Rogers Hornsby on the market after two or more years of turning down fabulous offers for the player. Hornsby, it is said, can be had today for \$100,000, or the equivalent in playing talent.

True was when the New York Yankees would have jumped at this offer. Manager McGraw is said to have offered \$100,000 for the crack third baseman for Hornsby at one time last summer. During the recent baseball convocations it was rumored that New York had purchased Hornsby, but McGraw denied it, and Secretary Joseph O'Brien reiterated the denial today when the rumor cropped up again.

The Giants are still after Heinie Groh of the Reds. They have offered \$100,000 for the crack third baseman, and McGraw still has hopes of landing him. Meanwhile, the Reds are after "Babe" Maranville, of the Braves, and the Pirates want Larry Kopf, Cincinnati shortstop.

Rich Hornsby on the market, Maranville on the market, and Kopf eager and willing to make deals, it appears certain that several big swaps on which the insiders figure prominently will be consummated before the end of January. Ty Cobb, new manager of the Tigers, is expected to weed out several players and among prospective players is Dick Rudolph, of the Braves, who has been given permission to make a deal for himself by President George Grant.

JOHNSON TO TAKE LEAD IN PROSECUTING SOX

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Work in connection with the prosecution of White Sox players under indictment for alleged throwing of games and in attempting to send to jail the gamblers who are said to have corrupted Commissioner's men in the 1919 world series will give President Johnson, of the American league, one of the busiest winters he has ever had in baseball, he said today on his return from New York.

It has been rumored that President Comiskey may endeavor to stop the American league in its efforts to press the gambling cases in order to have charge of the prosecution himself. President Comiskey has placed the matter in the hands of his attorney and more than a year ago set aside \$100,000 to be used in unearthing the 1919 world series scandal. His attorneys, it is said, are to confer with State Attorney Robert Crowe, to learn just what can be done to hurry up the cases now before criminal court.

Comiskey believes himself to be the one who suffered most from their dishonesty and that he should be allowed a hand in the prosecution. Johnson also said he was working on

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THE SWITCH.

When Jack Dempsey knocked out Jess Willard the former was only 24 years old. Twenty-four years old, still short of his prime, and standing on top of the world!

Recalling the fact that Jeffries, Fitzsimmons, Johnson and Willard had all held their titles until well beyond 33, the expert statisticians began to figure at least nine more years of championship glory beyond July, 1919, for the young champion.

When Dempsey stopped Billy Miske with his usual swiftness, this hope remained unchallenged.

Perhaps he would last on top of the heap longer than nine years. Fast as a flash, a hard hitter, always in good condition, he might even last ten or twelve years.

He might. But today they are not so sure.

Not quite so sure. Still on the short side of 26, at his best, he meets the first fairly fast man who is not afraid of him. Willard, Morris, Fulton—all big enough, but all easy targets. For any fast man they were easy to hit—and when they are easy for Dempsey to hit there will be some trouble.

Levinaky and Miske, lighter, faster men, had no great heart for any Dempsey contest. In the way of swapping punches they had nothing to swap—or very little.

Brennan was looked upon as another set-up. But it so happened that Brennan was willing to fight. Almost as fast as Dempsey, a fairly good puncher, he was willing to stop in and let fly.

For the first time, Dempsey was up against a new type. Possibly he had an off night. Possibly he was overconfident.

But the fact remains that on this last occasion he no longer looked like a world beater. Brennan at least proved the champion's vulnerability. He proved that Dempsey could be hit with a fair amount of ease. And he proved that a game boxer could take his punches and still keep going.

What a difference one fight makes! Jeffries was an unbeatable caddy until he met Jack Johnson. Then any number promptly forgot that the Californian had been out of the ring for six years. They merely remembered his last fight.

Willard, after beating Johnson and easily outpointing Moran, was rushed to the head of the list.

Here was a champion 6 feet 7 inches tall, who weighed 260 pounds, who could hit, and who knew something about boxing. Many placed him on a par with Jeffries.

Then Dempsey came along. Ten minutes after that fight was over Willard was merely a big boob "who never could fight."

Then Dempsey, the tiger-man, meets Brennan. After which old-timers start speculating as to whether he could have lasted five rounds against Jeffries, Fitzsimmons or Johnson.

One bad fight can upset a lot of good ones. Snodgrass is still remembered by the fly ball that he muffed; Merkle by the base that he didn't touch. A big part of the fight plan today is remembering Dempsey only as he looked against Brennan.

It may be that fight gave the true line on his ability against a good, game man who was fairly fast. The burden of proof is now upon Dempsey. He is going to find that the populace at large which follows the trail of the hard, brown glove is going to judge him by his last showing. "It isn't what you used to be, it's what you are today," still stands as the slogan of the age.

In the meantime there are rumors that Carpenter is about to engage in a trade of punches with Frank Moran. That, also, will be interesting. For Moran, although slow and lumbering, is no set-up for anybody. He is willing to walk in and trade one punch for four. And he has always believed that he could batter down the French champion if he ever had the chance.

They say in golf that a "man who can putt is a match for anybody." In the same way, in the boxing game, a man who can hit is no one to be taken lightly. For no one can say when he may have a little luck.

A rearrangement of the rules under which the major and minor leagues can operate. A meeting is scheduled to be held in Philadelphia early in January, at which President Heydler and George Wharton Pepper will be present to draw up this agreement. Johnson will present his idea of the proper working agreement to them at that time. At the same meeting he plans to complete the schedules for 1921 to be submitted to the club owners of the major leagues for approval.

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MARTIN LEAGUE BOSS 3 YEARS

Re-Elected at Memphis Monday—Magnates Still in Session Tuesday.

TO PLAY TEXAS CHAMPS

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 21.—John D. Martin, of Memphis, was re-elected president of the Southern association for a three-year term and approval was given a post-season series between the pennant winners of the Southern and Texas league for the Class A championship of the south at the opening session here yesterday of the annual meeting of the directors of the Southern association.

Mr. Martin was re-elected president by unanimous vote and his salary fixed at \$1,600 a year.

John D. Logan, of the Mobile club, Frank H. Reynolds, of Atlanta, and George H. Hutchinson, of Nashville, were appointed as members of the schedule committee.

The salary limit for the coming season, revision of the waiver price, and a proposal to pool the receipts of the league, to be submitted by President Martin, it was announced.

A committee on revision of the constitution of the association also was named at yesterday's session, but it was stated that no report would be made by this committee until after the joint meeting of major and minor league representatives to be held in Chicago next month to finally determine upon the proposed new national agreement.

W. D. Smith, of Birmingham; Charles Frank Atlanta, and Strane Nicklin, Chattanooga, were named as members of this committee.

The directors of the association and club officials as guests of President Martin at an informal dinner last night.

SALLY LEAGUE PLANS LONGEST SCHEDULE YET

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 21.—The schedule committee of the South Atlantic association voted yesterday to recommend the 1921 playing season of the league to be the longest in the history of the organization. The season, according to the tentative schedule, would open April 21 with games at Columbia, Charleston and Augusta, and close Sept. 25 with games at Charleston, Greenville and Spartanburg.

VANDY TO HAVE STADIUM AND MEMORIAL HALL

Nashville, Dec. 21.—Not only will Vanderbilt have a new stadium and athletic field when the scholastic year of 1921-22 opens next October, but plans are under way for the immediate erection of the proposed Alumni Memorial hall which will be monument to the forty-three sons of the Commodore who gave their all in the great conflict for humanity so recently brought to a close.

During the next few weeks a concerted drive for a full collection of funds subject to the new memorial hall will be made in the effort to stimulate the January payments due on New Year's day in order to have a sufficient amount of the money subscribed on hand to start work on the building in time for completion and occupancy by next October.

The new memorial hall will contain a splendidly equipped gymnasium swimming pool, locker, club, society and trophy rooms, parlors, assembly hall and other apparatus of President and Commodore Vanderbilt. It will make it the center of student and university life.

The Christmas issue of the Vanderbilt Alumni official publication of the Vanderbilt Alumni association is devoted entirely to the memorial hall proposition and features including photographs and biographies of the Vanderbilt men who died in France and a page replete with the spirit of the immortal "Rabbit" Curry, late captain of the Commodore's football team and lieutenant in the United States air service, who met his death in aerial combat with the foe in France.

Alumni association officials are sanguine in their hopes for success in the collection drive.

BOXING CLASS FORMED

George Hall, former champion amateur bantamweight boxer of the west, who is at present engaged not as a breaker, but as a teacher, has organized the Success Portrait company, has made arrangements with the Central Y. M. C. A. Physical department to give instructions in boxing and wrestling to members of the organization. A class is being organized this week and already Mr. Hall has interested several young men in the "manly art" and indications are that he will have a large class.

TWO SPORT FATALITIES

Pittsburgh, Dec. 21.—Two deaths resulting from accidents during a basketball game and a football game, were recorded in Pittsburgh yesterday.

James Ryan, aged 11, injured a finger in a football game near his home two weeks ago. Blood poisoning developed, and he died in a hospital late yesterday.

Shortly before Ryan succumbed, John R. Bowers, aged 14, died in a McKeesport hospital from blood poisoning. Bowers, a member of the Duquesne High school basketball team, was bruised on the right shin during a game last week. He paid no attention to the injury for several days, and finally his leg began to swell and he was suffering from blood poisoning, which caused his death.

HERMAN, LYNCH READY

New York, Dec. 21.—Pete Herman, bantamweight champion of the world, and Joe Lynch, challenger for the title, completed training here today in their fifteen-round decision bout tomorrow night at Madison Square Garden. Both boxers were reported in the best of condition. Herman was a slight favorite in the betting.

MORAN DRAWS DUNDEE

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—Yip Moran, of New Orleans, and Johnnie Dundee, of New York, fought to a fifteen-round draw here last night. Dundee fought the fighting practically all the time and appeared, according to local fight fans, to have a shade the better of the bout, although he was unable to land a knockout.

HEIBECK PRESIDENT

At the regular meeting of the Men's club of the Highland Park Baptist church, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Arce in Highland Park, the following officers were elected for a term of six months: H. L. Heibek, president; J. M. Chambers, vice-president; W. S. Hart, secretary and treasurer.

KILLED BY SON-IN-LAW

Monroe, La., Dec. 21.—W. D. Lewis, of West Monroe, for many years prominent in politics and business, was shot and killed during a quarrel last night with his son-in-law, Leon Mitchell, a deputy sheriff. Mitchell was charged with the shooting and early today had not been arrested.

CHARLIE WHITE BEATEN

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—Eddie Shanno, of Portland, Ore., outboxed and out-fought Charlie White in every round of an eight-round bout here last night.

JACK KEARNS ACCEPTS

Pittsburgh, Dec. 21.—John Heil, manager of the Motor Square boxing club, yesterday received a letter from Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight pugilist champion, in which he stated that Dempsey was willing to box the winner of the Green-Smith bout, to be held here Christmas day. According to Heil, no date was suggested for the match. The Motor Square club made an offer to Kearns last week of \$50,000 to have Dempsey box the winner of the Christmas day fight. The proposed bout cannot, under the law, be more than ten rounds.

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